

What is claimed is:

1. A sustained-release composition for oral administration of a drug, comprising the drug, a carrier for sustained release of the drug and a gel hydration accelerator.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the carrier is a mixture of sodium alginate and xanthan gum, and the gel hydration accelerator is a mixture of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose and propylene glycol alginate.

3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the drug : the carrier for sustained release : the gel hydration accelerator is in the range of 1 : 3~30 : 0.1~15.

4. The composition of claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of sodium alginate and xanthan gum is in the range of 1 : 0.1~10.

5. The composition of claim 2, wherein the carrier further comprises locust bean gum.

6. The composition of claim 5, wherein the weight ratio of sodium alginate : xanthan gum : locust bean gum is in the range of 1 : 0.2~10 : 0.1~5.

7. The composition of claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose and propylene glycol alginate is in the range of 1 : 0.05~20.

8. The composition of claim 1, wherein the drug is selected from the group consisting of antihypertensive drugs, drugs for cardiovascular diseases, drugs for hyperlipemia, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, 5 drugs for asthma, anti-diabete drugs, calmative, antibiotic, antispasmodic, antispasmodic, steroids and a mixture thereof.

9. The composition of claim 1, wherein the drug is selected from the group consisting of nifedipine, isradipine, lovastatin and glipizide.